

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, as indicated below:

1. (Amended) A sputter target, consisting essentially of 0.001 to 30 at % of at least one first element [constituting] which forms an intermetallic compound [of] with Al, 0.01 at ppm to 50 at %, with respect to the amount of the first element, of at least one second element selected from the group consisting of C, O, N and H, provided that an amount of N is not more than 3000 at ppm, and the balance of Al.